

Here's Idea for Torrance!



Taking a tip from airlines—and extending one to Torrance with its new municipal buses soon to go in service—Bellingham (Wash.) Transit Co. has put glamour with public conveyance in its buses in the form of pert stewardesses, such as Helen Turner. She's helping last of a large family aboard. Now there's an idea for the Torrance Municipal Bus Line—maybe a glamour gal with every trip would increase patronage!

SEWER EXTENSION ORDERED FOR BORDER AVE. PLANTS

To provide adequate sewer facilities for H. C. Barrington's new welding shop, construction of which is scheduled to start at 1124 Border avenue between Torrance boulevard and Engracia avenue, and for the Pacific Perforating Company, the main line is to be extended.

The city council, during its adjourned meeting late last Thursday afternoon, authorized the expenditure of \$500 by the city engineering department for an eight-inch pipe extension of the sewer line from its present terminus thru the alley east of Border avenue to accommodate the two concerns.

Barrington and M. J. Brumley, the latter being president of the perforating company, petitioned the council for the sewer. Glenn Jain, acting city engineer, said he would try to obtain SRA help for the project. Barrington is planning to move his present welding shop building from 2340 Narbonne avenue to the Border avenue location and erect an additional shop structure.

Record Rainfall Recorded Here

Seventeen seventy-six is a momentous date in U. S. history. It is also the number of the current Lead-Lease bill now before Congress. That figure was given a local meaning today when firemen reported that the total rainfall for the season to date was 17.76 inches. The rain total at this time last year was 14.05 and the total for the entire 1939-40 season was 17.24 inches.

This week's rainfall amounted to 3.54 inches with the heaviest downpour recorded between 5:40 p. m. Sunday and 7:30 a. m. Monday when 1.05 inches of wet moisture was recorded on the fire department's gauge atop the fire station garage. Last night's rainfall amounted to .46 of an inch.

Council Seeks Appraisals of Lots on El Prado

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett was instructed by the city council at an adjourned meeting late last Thursday to interview local realtors and get their appraisals of the two lots immediately adjoining the city hall on El Prado which have been offered to the city for \$1,800.

The city holds an option to purchase the property, the only available land near the city hall that could be used for expansion purposes, until today. However, city officials believe the owner of the property will allow until the next regular meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 25, for a decision.

MARCH OF RIMES

By H. F. NOAKE

It's fun to raid the ice box about that time of night, when moonbeams cast their shadows and folks are sleeping tight. Out comes a piece of chicken, potato salad too, you quickly fill the coffee pot and put it on to brew. By now you've found the pudding and just a sample steal, well knowing it's intended for tomorrow's evening meal. With tummy full, you then creep back and nimbly climb the stair, when, Bang! You bump right into ma who's heading—you know where.



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Co. Buys First Block of Alondra Park's Bonds

Following first actual purchase of "soured" Mattoon Act bonds encumbering Alondra Park late last week by the county board of supervisors, property owners in that extensive area which includes a portion of Torrance breathed easier this week. They will inhale and exhale still better when the county board approves approximately \$185,000 more for purchase of the district's bonds and cleans up the remaining Mattoon Act assessments against their property.

On motion of Supervisor Oscar Haug the county board voted to buy \$184,500 worth of the bonds at par and accrued interest, which represents an expenditure of about \$149,000. The supervisors also stipulated that payment of two cents on every dollar would be withheld from the bond houses who are collecting the securities until such time as all of the bonds are ready to be turned in.

Filing of the special assessments map for refunding of the district must be made by June 30 if the final two cents per dollar payment is to be made. It is now up to the county's special Assessment Relief committee to complete details of the refunding and send out consent cards for property owners' signatures. This should take about two weeks.

New Market on Torrance Blvd. Being Erected

With construction of the building well under way at 2113 Torrance boulevard adjoining the Norman Arms apartments, Ray's Friendly Market is scheduled to open between March 15 and 20, it was learned this week from Bob Ueda, who is financing the enterprise.

The large market structure, 62 by 58 feet in size, will be of the latest type for display and distribution of the fine quality foodstuffs that will be sold there.

Ray Takayama will be in charge of the grocery and vegetable departments. An experienced butcher will have direction of the meat department.

The building permit for the structure was for \$3,400.

Local Students Beaten Up In "Gang Fight" Monday

A "gang fight," said to have been instigated by a Torrance high school student who failed to appear for the hostilities, resulted in injuries to two other local boys, issuance of two traffic citations and a busy time for Torrance police Monday night as they attempted to round up, and head out of the city some seven cars loaded with boys from Wilmington and San Pedro.

William Johnson, who suffered a cut over an eye that required three stitches to close, and William Wise, who was cut about the head and face, were the chief victims of the melee which occurred at the high school campus.

A partition in the Moose lodge hall at 1951 Carson was damaged when some of the invaders crashed thru it in attempting to get away from police officers.

Altho a local youth, whose name is known to authorities, is supposed to have issued the "dery" to Banning students, the hostilities have been brewing for several weeks. It was said. The Friday night "jitterbug" dances in the Clive Auditorium have had their share of growing ill-feeling between the

students and this is believed to have culminated with the Monday night "invasion."

Young Johnson and Wise were being badly beaten up until their assailants discovered neither one was the "challenger." The local boys told police that the blitzkriegers from Banning used "braz knuckles" and possibly a tire wrench.

Another version of the cause for the hostilities is that a contingent of local youths staged a successful blitzkrieg in San Pedro not long ago and then followed it up with a challenge to both San Pedro and Banning high students that "any time they felt as though they wanted more, then come to Torrance and get it."

That was duck-soup to the challenges and they caught their defiers off guard Monday night. The battle ranged from the high school campus where an Allied Youth Association meeting was in progress to cement world friendship and peace on earth and lots of other things to various strategic locations about the city.

Still a third version—and one that is given considerable credence by Police Chief John Stroh—involved the old, old police adage, "cherchez la femme" which in these jitterbug days can be translated into "look for the heart interest." Seems as how the object of the invading party's hunt—the boy who wasn't there—has been giving too much attention to a gal here who was "going steady" with a San Pedro boyfriend. The disgruntled swain's friends thus took up his cause and flattered to Torrance.

Police here are discounting some of the claims of local students that they were victims of the wholesale assault.

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Weekend Crashes Claim 8 Victims

Three automobile collisions last weekend claimed eight victims, making the total traffic casualties for the year 16 and one fatality. Mrs. Roy W. Meyers of 2608 El Dorado and her two children, Gwen, seven, and Kenny, six years old, were injured last Friday when their car overturned following a collision with a machine driven by Verne Lovelady, 18, of 1670 Gramercy avenue, at Pennsylvania and 229th street. He escaped unhurt although his machine also overturned after the impact.

Mrs. Meyers was going south on Pennsylvania and Lovelady was driving west on 229th street. She tried to stop on entering the intersection but skidded about six feet before the crash. Lovelady said he sounded his horn on hearing the intersection but his vision was obscured by a mound of dirt. After colliding both cars rolled over, stopping on their tops. Lovelady is assisted in extracting Mrs. Meyers and her children. All suffered cuts and bruises about the face and body and were treated at Torrance Memorial hospital.

Three persons were injured, one seriously, in a broadside collision last Friday afternoon at Highway 101 at Hillside avenue during a driving rainstorm. William H. Strickland, 43, Palos Verdes, was going west on 101 with Mrs. Edna Strickland as a passenger. John Ellsworth Davis, 63, Long Beach, was driving east on the highway. Davis' car went into a slide at a flood-debris washed curve and broadsided into Strickland's machine, according to police reports.

Two Hurt Sunday Davis was given emergency treatment at Torrance Memorial hospital for internal injuries, possible concussion, a broken rib and a severe cut on the right side of his head. Later he was transferred to a Long Beach hospital.

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Tracks Removal Charge Stands, McCall States

Torrance must foot the bill for removal of the P. E. rail tracks and wiring from Cabrillo ave. City Attorney John E. McCall said last week. The city council recently asked McCall to contact the railway's officials after it was learned here that the P. E. was taking up tracks in Redondo Beach at its own expense.

To the Torrance attorney, P. E. officials pointed out that in Redondo Beach they are removing their rails from a right-of-way the railway does not own. In Torrance, however, the right-of-way belongs to the P. E., and, following a non-contested condemnation suit, the property is scheduled to be sold to the city for \$8,055. The city must pay \$2,250 in addition for removal of the tracks and wiring.

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Airport District for Local Field Studied by County and Cities

Formation of the first airport district in Los Angeles county (located in Torrance) is under consideration today, following a conference between civic leaders of Torrance, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Palos Verdes, Lomita and intermediate county territory with Supervisor Oscar Haug.

Next step will be to confer with local officials of the Civil Aeronautics Authority at Santa Monica to obtain their approval before proceeding to circulate petitions calling for the creation of the district.

Procedure for forming airport districts is almost identical to that for forming a harbor district, both being made possible by recent legislation. The petitions must contain at least 10 per cent of the signatures of the voters at the last gubernatorial election, the leaders were told by County Counsel J. H. O'Connor.

Estimate Cost at \$300,000 The petitions then are presented to the supervisors, who set a public hearing, determine the boundaries of the proposed district, and set a date for the election.

The 800-acre location proposed for the airport is owned by Benjamin Weston of Beverly Hills. It is situated off Highway 101 near Hawthorne boulevard. The airport could be acquired, developed and the hangars erected for \$300,000, it was estimated by Earl Lloyd, engineer of the planning commission, at the conference. Substantial federal aid can be obtained, it is believed.

Urgent need exists for more large airport facilities, due to military activity around Long Beach airport, military and impending commercial activity at Los Angeles municipal airport, the taking over of United Airport by Lockheed and increased manufacturing, the civic leaders believe.

Plant Favors Site Report that two aircraft companies are looking for plant sites prompted the group to confer with the supervisor, in the hope that they might obtain at least one of them if they provided an airport.

The Doak Aircraft Corporation of Hermosa Beach, which is seeking a new location in this area near a landing field that could be used for test flights of its wooden-plane craft, has indicated it favors the Torrance site.

This week Don Smith of the Interstate Aircraft plant, which

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Names of Men Scheduled for Draft Induction on Feb. 26 Told by Board

Sidelights on Third Draft

Included in the third draft call-out contingent scheduled to leave here next week are 14 Torrance men, 12 from Lomita, nine from Gardena, two from Moneta and one each from Walters, Redondo Beach, San Pedro, Pasadena and Spokane, Wash.

There is a pair of brothers—the Burchlers of Gardena and Cecil Chandler Powell, son of Councilman George V. Powell. The average age of the group is 23 years plus—the oldest being 35.

Eldon McClellison, 26, truck driver, Gardena. Delbert Denny Clayton, 23, pipe line worker, Rt. 1, Box 388 C, Lomita. Frank N. Tananachi, 22, vegetable salesman, Gardena. Cleveland M. Brumbelow, Jr., 25, truck driver, 34200 Alliene st., Lomita. Gregorio Luna Rodriguez, 25, railroad section worker, 1731 Plaza del Amo, Torrance. Alfred Burchiere, 24, soloist, Gardena.

Alton Morris Perrin, 21, unemployed, Gardena. Paul Story Currie, 21, general utility man, Gardena. James Masaki Nomura, 22, farm laborer, P. O. Box 232, Waltersia. List of Draftees The following are the men who have been drafted for Army service from this area in the third call-out:

Lloyd Pinkney Byrd, 35, unemployed, Moneta. Vincent D. Bush, 30, welder-mechanic, Rt. 1, Box 314-E, Lomita. Jack Edmund Walker, 25, unemployed, Gardena. William Jacob Schipper, 22, dairyman, 1935 Sepulveda blvd., Torrance. Dale Ralph Howe, 24, student carpenter, 1108 Amadola ave., Torrance. George Kojaks, 23, florist, Gardena. Kenneth Tomomitsu, 25, farm la-

borer, 25028 Walnut st., Lomita. Robert Andrew Bryan, 21, paper boy, 2427 256th st., Lomita. Oran Floyd Brown, 22, rubber pressman, 16494 Cabrillo ave., Torrance. Jack Lewis Eipper, 25, display dept. mgr., 25335 Pennsylvania ave., Lomita. William Earl Studdard, 26, bank teller, 1915 Andros ave., Torrance. James Vincent Burchiere, 23, turret lathe operator, Gardena. Edward Henry Ostrom, 21, unemployed, 2568 W. Carson st., Torrance. Clifford William Nix, 25, truck driver, 2416 24th st., Lomita. Cecil Chandler Powell, 22, park attendant, 1739 Arlington ave., Torrance.

Kenneth Irwin Dow, 30, unemployed, Pasadena. Dawson Wilson Mead, 28, laborer, 1513 Madrid ave., Torrance. Takashi Kiyomura, 23, farmer, Rt. 1, Box 21, Torrance. Willard Orville Gray, 21, unemployed, 2168 255th st., Torrance. Henry Fernandez King, 23, truck driver, 251 Torrance. Kiyoshi Okihara, 22, florist, Rt. 1, Box 509, Lomita. Frank Donovan McCormey, 21, unemployed, 25300 Cypress ave., Lomita. Lloyd Howard Davis, 22, oil field worker, Rt. 1, Box 520-M, Lomita. James John Mathews, 38, plant operator, 25445 Oak st., Lomita. Tony Valentino Michalak, 21, sheet inspector, 1210 El Prado, Torrance. Revis Hayes Pruitt, 24, chemist, 923 Sartori ave., Torrance. Yoshito Nakamoto, 26, farm laborer, Rt. 1, Box 108, Torrance.

Two Are Alternates The following two men are listed as alternates. They will not go unless they are needed to bring the contingent up to its full quota of 41: Hitoshi Suminaga, 23, farm laborer, Redondo Beach. Loren Melvin Craig, 21, warehouseman, 26228 Montic Vista ave., Lomita.

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